

# Risso Review

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*Rissos cheer on as Olivia colors in the last portion of our goal for reading over 220 popcorn words! We will be celebrating this week with a popcorn party celebration!*

## Important Dates

January 9th - Spirit Wear Day & CSA Pep Rally

January 20th - Field trip to Ann Arbor Hands on Museum

January 30th - Parent Council Family Movie Night

## We Are Hunger Heroes!

Last month the Risso class collected over 207 canned/boxed food to donate to families in need for the Spirit Clubs Gleaners canned food drive. Way to go Rissos! And thank you for your generous donations.



## Learning Focus This Month

### Science and Social Studies

- Antarctica & Penguins
- States of Matter (solid, liquid, gas) as it relates to snow/ice
- Holidays: New Years Day & Martin Luther King
- Force and Motion (push, pull, gravity)

### Math

- Using number bonds to form different combinations of numbers
- Working on solving basic word problems with a picture and number sentence & solving basic subtraction
- Continuing work on combinations to make teen numbers and solving basic addition

### Literacy

- Working on reading new popcorn words by sight
- Handwriting Practice-writing CVC words (consonant, vowel, consonant) Working on strategies to read emergent level 'pattern books' Learning how readers: solve unknown words by saying first letter sound, asking does it look right, going back a page or two to reread and rethink, think about what is happening as we point to words...and more!
- Writing: Writing New Year's Resolutions, working on quality work illustrations, using popcorn and heart words in our writing and other strategies as we work on writing for readers!



*James and Gibson work together to play Christmas book bingo! Each winner got to pick out a holiday book to take home.*

### Thank You

I'd like to express our gratitude to the Risso parents for this past month. Whether you supported by volunteering in the classroom, donations, kind notes and words, or gifts. I feel truly supported and appreciated. Thank you for all the love.

### Donations Needed

- Composition Notebooks
- Gallon size water/milk jugs (dry and clean with cap on)
- Bags of white rice
- Papermate felt tip flair pens (black ink only)
- 24 packs of Crayola crayons

### Winter Weather Gear - Friendly Reminder

Please be mindful of the outerwear you are sending your child with each day. We continue to go outside unless the real feel/windchill is 0 degrees or below. We need to ensure that all students are wearing gear that keeps them warm and safe. Warm boots, snow pants or snowsuit, hat and waterproof gloves are encouraged. Don't forget to label every item.

## CHARACTER CORNER

★respect★responsibility★optimism★  
work ethic★getting along★kindness

### Responsibility and Optimism

This month, our class is focusing on the character traits of **Responsibility** and **Optimism** through our *Smart Character Choices* program. Students are learning what it means to take responsibility for their actions, belongings, and learning, as well as how to practice optimism by trying their best, using positive self-talk, and seeing challenges as opportunities to grow. These traits support both academic learning and social growth, and we are proud of the thoughtful ways students are beginning to show them each day.

### Field Trip to Hands on Museum

Students will be learning all about Force and Motion this month. We will enrich this unit of study by going to the Hands On Museum on **Tuesday January 20th!**

With that, permission slips for our Hand on Museum trip were sent home today! Please complete and return by Tuesday, January 13th.



### January Sharing/Events Calendar

Our January sharing and special event calendar has come home in your child's Tuesday folder! There is a ton of fun going on this month! Be sure to look over it closely so you don't miss your child's share days.



*Dressed to impress: The Risso students stop for a picture in front of the CSA Christmas Tree before the concert last month.*